

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### Public Meeting #2008-12

A public meeting will be held by the Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control regarding the proposal by the Giles County Southern Water Authority to withdraw raw water for drinking water supply from Richland Creek. The project requires a water quality permit from the state of Tennessee under *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977* and a §401 Water Quality Certification under the *Clean Water Act*. The details of the public meeting are as follows:

**Date of Public Meeting:** Tuesday September 9, 2008

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Ardmore City Hall  
Council Chambers  
Mainstreet, Ardmore TN 38449  
(931) 427-2124

The Giles County Southern Water Authority has applied for an aquatic resource alteration permit to withdraw a maximum of 9.28 cubic feet per second of water from Richland Creek at Aspen Hill Bridge, River Mile 12.2 for the purpose of providing an additional raw water source for the area. The downstream segment of Richland Creek, from the mouth at Elk River to river mile 4.8 (confluence with Silver Creek), is designated as Exceptional Tennessee Waters (ETW). The division has determined that the proposed withdrawal will degrade water quality in the ETW segment of Richland Creek. The public meeting will be held regarding the applicant's request for permission to degrade an ETW.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposal are invited to deliver oral or written comment at the public meeting. Written testimony will be accepted for at least 10 days following the hearing and will be considered part of the official record. The public is also invited to submit comments in writing to the Division of Water Pollution Control at the address printed below.

After considering all public comments, the division will publish a notice announcing its determination of whether or not the degradation is justified and whether or not a permit will be issued. A permit would only be issued where the division determines that a change is justified as a result of necessary economic or social development and will not interfere with or become injurious to any classified uses existing in the ETW.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (or to review these filings) should contact the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Such contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means and should be made no less than ten days prior to September 6, 2008, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator at 1-866-253-5827 for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

The permit application and supporting documentation are available for review at the division office during business hours at the following address:

Division of Water Pollution Control  
attn: Robert Baker  
7th Floor, Life and Casualty Annex  
401 Church Street  
Nashville, TN 37243-1534